



Atty. Dkt. No. 086142-0431

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hiroshi AOKI
Title: SEAT WEIGHT MEASURING
APPARATUS
Appl. No.: 09/704,839
Filing Date: November 3, 2000
Examiner: C. Dickens
Art Unit: 2855

8/a
J. Mauley
MAR 13 2002
RECEIVED
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification by replacing the indicated paragraph with the following clean version. The changes are shown explicitly in Appendix A.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Blocks 24 are fixed on the lower surface of the front ends of the left and right seat rails 17, respectively. The block 24 is provided with a pivotally mounted vehicle body mounting bracket 21. The vehicle body mounting bracket 21 is used for fixing the seat rail 17 to the bottom portion of the vehicle body. Since the bracket 21 is pivotally connected to the block 24, it acts as a fulcrum so that the rear end of the seat rail 17 can be warped in the upward and downward directions. As is known by one skilled in the art, any pivotable or moveable connection may act as a fulcrum.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 5: